

## **ABSTRACT**

A suitcase includes a bracing device having a plate secured to the rear and bottom portion of the suitcase, the plate includes one or more slots to form or define one or more flaps. The bracing device  
5 further includes a board having a rear portion to be engaged into the slots of the plate, and having a front portion to be engaged onto the front and bottom portion of the suitcase. The flaps of the plate may be engaged onto the rear portion of the board, to maintain the board in an engagement with the bottom portion of the suitcase, and to  
10 prevent the board from being disengaged from the bottom portion of the suitcase. A sheet member may couple the board to the suitcase.